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DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

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**TITLE 13: DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES****NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**

The Department of Motor Vehicles (the department) proposes to adopt Section 158.00 in Chapter 1, Division 1, Article 3 of Title 13, California Code of Regulations to implement Ch. 640, Stats of 2002, Zero Emission Vehicle Parking Decal.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing regarding this proposed regulatory action is not scheduled. However, a public hearing will be held if any interested person or his or her duly authorized representative requests a public hearing to be held relevant to the proposed action by submitting a written request to the contact person identified in this notice no later than 5:00 P.M., fifteen (15) days prior to the close of the written comment period.

DEADLINE FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS

Any interested person or his or her duly authorized representative may submit written comments relevant to the proposed regulations to the contact person identified in this notice. All written comments must be received at the department no later than 5:00 P.M., AUGUST 4, 2003, the final day of the written comment period, in order for them to be considered by the department before it adopts the proposed regulation.

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

The department proposes to adopt this regulation under the authority granted by Section 1651 of the Vehicle Code in order to implement, interpret or make specific Sections 22511 and 22511.1 of the Vehicle Code.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

Vehicle Code Sections 22511 and 22511.1 allow owners of zero emission vehicles to apply for a parking decal to park in designated spaces for the purposes of parking and recharging their zero emission vehicles. The proposed regulation will provide instructions for completing the application and specify the cost of the decal that is to be placed on the vehicle in order to park and refuel in designated spaces specifically designated for zero emission vehicles.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

“Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Parking Decal Application” (NEW 3/2003). The form is being incorporated by reference since it is impractical and cumbersome to publish in the California Code of Regulations a form that will only be used for a specified purpose. It is anticipated that the information currently being provided by the customers will remain the same.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

- Cost or Savings To Any State Agency: None.
- Other Non-Discretionary Cost or Savings to Local Agencies: None.
- Costs or Savings in Federal Funding to the State: None.

- Cost Impact on Representative Private Persons or Businesses: There is a charge of \$17.00 for each zero emission vehicle parking decal.
- Effect on Housing Costs: None.

DETERMINATIONS

The department has made the following initial determinations concerning the proposed regulatory action:

- The proposed regulatory action will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states. A zero emission vehicle parking decal will authorize a driver to park in designated spaces for the purposes of parking and refueling a zero emission vehicle. The issuance of a zero emission vehicle parking decal is voluntary and the cost of a decal is \$17.00. No studies or data were relied upon in support of this proposal.
- The adoption of this regulation is not expected to create or eliminate jobs or businesses in the state of California or reduce or expand businesses currently doing business in the state of California.
- The proposed regulatory action will not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts, or a mandate that requires reimbursement pursuant to part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of the Government Code.
- The proposed regulatory action will not affect small businesses. The proposed regulation will identify the form necessary to apply for a zero emission parking decal and specify the fee. The issuance of a zero emission vehicle parking decal is voluntary and the cost of a decal is \$17.00.

PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS

A pre-notice workshop, pursuant to Government Code section 11346.45, is not required because the issues addressed in the proposal are not so complex or large in number that they cannot easily be reviewed during the comment period.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The department must determine that no reasonable alternative considered by the department or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the department would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed, or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action.

CONTACT PERSON

Inquiries relevant to the proposed action and questions on the substance of the proposed regulations should be directed to the department representative, Bonnie DeWatney, Department of Motor Vehicles, P.O. Box 932382, Mail Station E-244, Sacramento, California 94232-3820; telephone number (916) 657-8954, or bdewatney@dmv.ca.gov. In the absence of the department representative, inquiries may be directed to the Regulations Coordinator, Deborah

Baity, at (916) 657-5690 or dbaity@dmv.ca.gov. The fax number for the Regulations Branch is (916) 657-1204.

AVAILABILITY OF STATEMENT OF REASONS AND TEXT OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS

The department has prepared an initial statement of reasons for the proposed action, and has available all the information upon which the proposal is based. The contact person identified in this notice shall make available to the public upon request the express terms of the proposed action using underline or italics to indicate additions to, and strikeouts to indicate deletions from the California Code of Regulations. The contact person identified in this notice shall also make available to the public, upon request, the final statement of reasons once it has been prepared and submitted to the Office of Administrative Law, and the location of public records, including reports, documentation and other materials related to the proposed action. In addition, the above-cited materials (Initial Statement of Reasons and Express Terms) may be accessed at www.dmv.ca.gov, Other Services, Legal Affairs Division, Regulatory Actions Web Page.

AVAILABILITY OF MODIFIED TEXT

Following the written comment period and the hearing, if one is held, the department may adopt the proposed regulations substantially as described in this notice. If modifications are made which are sufficiently related to the originally proposed text, the full, modified text with changes clearly indicated would be made available to the public for at least 15 days prior to the date on which the department adopts the resulting regulations. Requests for copies of any modified regulations should be addressed to the department contact person identified in this notice. The department will accept written comments on the modified regulations for 15 days after the date on which they are first made available to the public.